

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-13 and 15-23 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 11-13, 15 and 21 are amended and claims 10 and 14 are canceled.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating that claims 14-20 include allowable subject matter.

I. The Specification Satisfies All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to the title for not being descriptive and a new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Accordingly, the title is amended which is more indicative of the invention. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

II. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 6, 9-10 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,925,875 to Frey; claims 1-12 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,252,536B1 to Johnson et al.; and claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Johnson et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,514,865 to O'Neil. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

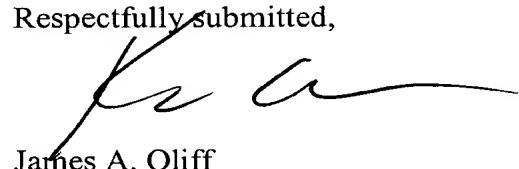
As discussed above, Applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating that claims 14-20 include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 21 include features of the allowable claims. Accordingly, all of claims 1-9, 11-13 and 15-23 are now in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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